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Good Morning Connecticut Senators and Representatives,
My name is Jacki Alessio and I am a recent graduate of the UConn School of Social Work. My resume is a rare example of a steady employment track, volunteer activity, leadership positions and professional development. However, what if I wasn't given the gift of exuberant energy, and the need for lessened sleep?
Most high school students in the urban environment I grew up in aren't given the opportunities to work, volunteer and obtain extracurricular activities. Most like myself won't be clearly informed with the responsibilities of student loan payback. Most will land in credit card debt in the \$10,000's. Although I come from a home that was granted "free lunch" and social services, this education payback system can't be established on the "merit cases" like my own. This bill needs to produce a real study with concrete facts and figures that represent CT's population.
No shortcuts to this process please.

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